

House Resolution 2258

By: Representative Burns of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering Dr. Willie Grier Todd for her contributions to the community of Guyton,
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willie Grier Todd was born on January 10, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C.
4 Grier of Guyton, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd was a highly educated woman receiving a doctorate in history from
6 the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd taught at different levels of education including high school in
8 Pineora, Tusculum, Guyton Academy, and Springfield Academy as well as teaching history
9 at the collegiate level at Bessie Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia, and at Georgia Southern
10 College (now University) in Statesboro, Georgia, where she retired in 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, she remained involved in educating the public through her retirement, including
12 advocating historic preservation, and was instrumental in placing the City of Guyton on the
13 National Register of Historic Places, designating the city a National Historic District, and
14 creating and acting as the curator for the Guyton Tour of Homes, which continues today in
15 its 28th year; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd was a charter member of Pine Street Baptist Church in Guyton and
17 was always active in the community helping the less fortunate, including taking care of
18 students and ensuring they were equipped with the necessities and guidance to contribute to
19 society; and

20 WHEREAS, affectionately known as the "Matriarch of Guyton," Dr. Todd was an avid
21 gardener who spent endless hours on the grounds of her home, "Beulah," and her
22 breathtaking plantings are merely symbolic of the countless marks she left on Guyton.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body remember and recognize the contributions of Dr. Willie Grier Todd
3 whose passing on February 27, 2006, has been mourned by many.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Willie
6 Grier Todd.